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Attorney General John Ashcroft  
US Department of Justice  
950 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW  
Washington, DC 20530

Dear Mr. Ashcroft:

As a Microsoft supporter, I am happy to hear that a settlement has been reached between the Department of Justice and Microsoft in regards to the antitrust case. After three years of legal action, this settlement has been long overdue. Microsoft has produced some of the most advanced technologies for its time and rather than impede its progress any longer, the government should accept this settlement and move forward onto more important matters.

In taking the best interest of the public and the industry into consideration, this settlement offers very reasonable and fair solutions. Microsoft's dedication to this settlement are already apparent in the recent release of Windows XP which is a program that demonstrates the way that Microsoft will make it easier to promote non-Microsoft software programs within Windows. In order to assure the court and the people that Microsoft is adhering to this agreement, the company has consented to the development of a three-person committee that will monitor the software company very closely. This is comforting in the sense that future violations will be prevented.

I feel that Microsoft is a great company and that it is time for progress to be reinitiated. Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

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cc: Senator Rick Santorum

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